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SUBJECT: INTELSAT-CHREP/TAIWAN ACCESS

REF: STATE 236622, TAIPEI 6376

1. WHILE I AM COGNIZANT THAT DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS ISSUE TO GROC AND TO OUR INTERESTS IN ROC, I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THAT ALL POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ACCESS PROBLEM BE CONSIDERED. FROM MY READING OF TRAFFIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT AMONG GOVERNMENTS THAT ROC SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO SYSTEM BUT THERE ALSO EXISTS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AS TO HOW THAT BEST MIGHT BE PRESERVED PARTICULARLY IF PRC OR ITS SUPPORTERS RAISE LEGAL ISSUE AND CHALLENGE CONTINUING VALIDITY OF ROC EARLIER DESIGNATION OF EARTH STATION USER. IN THAT EVENT, I AM VERY MUCH CONCERNED THAT SOME OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH PROFESS TO UPHOLD UNIVERSALITY OF INTELSAT SYSTEM WOULD NOT VOTE TO UPHOLD CONTINUING ACCESS FOR ROC.

2. WITHOUT HAVING INFORMATION ON WHAT IS PROVIDED BY RULES OF PROCEDURE, I NEVERTHELESS HOPE VERY MUCH THAT DEPARTMENT'S OPINION CAN BE SUSTAINED THAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAS AUTHORITY
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TO APPROVE NEW ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN INTELSAT AND ROC TELECOMMUNICA-

TIONS ENTITY IF THIS IS REQUIRED. IN FACT I WOULD HOPE THAT A
FURTHER APPLICATION BY ROC MIGHT NOT EVEN BE REQUIRED AND IF ANY
ACTION IS NECESSARY THAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MIGHT MERELY ENDORSE
CONTINUATION OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS OR APPROVE RENEWAL
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